

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The Siemen HICOM ~~Hicom~~-communications system provides an integrated executive-secretary function with a maximum of four executive telephones and a maximum of two secretary telephones for each executive-secretary system (HICOM ~~Hicom~~-300E V 2.0, Description of user facilities, Sect. 4.30 and Sect. 6.3.1, 23.04.1999, Siemens Part Number: P 31003-GI036-L100-3-18). A call made to an executive telephone is switched in a standard operating mode to a first secretary telephone and is signaled on the executive telephone and, where appropriate, on a further secretary telephone. The call can be answered by both the executive telephone and the further secretary telephone. Following call transfer to the executive telephone, a call made to the executive telephone is switched directly to the latter in a further operating mode and, where appropriate, is signaled on the secretary telephones. The relevant operating mode and the relevant call transfer are signaled on the executive telephone and the associated secretary telephones. The team function for an executive-secretary system has hitherto been available within one PABX system only.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Figure 1 shows a communications network with four PABX systems PABX1 to PABX4, two first subscriber lines C1T1 and C2T1 and a number of second subscriber lines S1T1 to S2T3. The first subscriber lines C1T1 and C2T1 are made available on executive workstations C1 and C2. A subscriber terminal device TE, on which a user interface is, in each case, made available for the use of team functions, is allocated to the first subscriber lines. The second subscriber lines S1T1 to S2T3 are assigned to two secretary workstations S1 and S2. A shared, team-function-supporting subscriber terminal device TE is assigned to the second subscriber lines S1T1 to S1T3, S2T1 to S2T3 on a secretary workstation ~~S1-S2~~ S1 and S2. The second subscriber lines S1T1 to S2T1 are set up, in each case, as main subscriber lines for the secretary workstations S1 and S2. The second subscriber lines S1T2, S1T3, S2T2 and S2T3 are set up in the present example as virtual subscriber lines which are provided for call transfer originating from the relevant executive workstation C1 and C2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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A call made to the first subscriber line C1T1 or C2T1 is transferred in the first operating mode, following input of user information, to a second subscriber line S1T2, S1T3, S2T2 or S2T3, on which the call made to the first subscriber line C1T1 or C2T1 was signaled. A call diverted to the second subscriber line S1T2, S1T3, S2T2 or S2T3 is transferred in the second operating mode, following input of user information, to the associated first subscriber line ~~C2T1 or C2T1~~ C1T1 or C2T1. A call made to the first subscriber line C1T1 or C2T1 is advantageously diverted to the second subscriber line S1T2, S1T3, S2T2 or S2T3 on which corresponding user information was first entered.